

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING
Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, Rivertown Neighborhood
250 McDougall Avenue; Detroit, MI 48207
October 18, 2013 @10:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mast called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

The Commission roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Harold Mast, Michael Burri, Shannon English, Gerald Irby, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Donna Murray-Brown, Donald Newport, Patricia Rencher, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan, Janice Wilson, James Wright and Kristie Zamora.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Renee' Parnell.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Rhonda Powell, Wendi Middleton, Sarah Slocum, Scott Wamsley, Eric Berke, Dan Doezeema and Carol Dye.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Roger Myers, President & CEO, Lynn Alexander, VP of Public Affairs, and Kathy Bartz of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, Andrea Mulheisen and Tabitha Hooper, AAA 1-B, John Pedit & Gene Pisha, SAC Members, Bob Brown, Executive Director, AAA 1-C, Jim McGuire, AAA 1-B, Faiz Eshaki, Detroit AAA Chief Operating Officer, Tim McIntyre, United Methodist Retirement Community and Linda Lawther, President & CEO, Michigan Center for Assisted Living.

Commissioner Mast invited Roger Myers, CEO and President of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan to address the Commission.

Mr. Myers welcomed the Commission, and on behalf of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, the United Methodist Retirement Communities, Henry Ford Health System, Center for Senior Independence, he thanked everyone for attending and offered a tour of the new Rivertown Neighborhood Assisted Living Community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mast asked to add Update and Approval of the Intrastate Funding Formula Work Group Recommendation as (f) under Business Items.

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the September 13, 2013, CSA minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve the minutes. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Mast asked the three local Area Agencies on Aging representatives if they'd like to address the Commission.

Faiz Eshaki, Detroit AAA Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of Paul Bridgewater, President and CEO, and the board of directors, welcomed the Commission to this beautiful assisted living facility that was the result of collaborative efforts, and Detroit's first facility of this sort, and thanked them for their support.

Bob Brown, AAA 1-C Executive Director, welcomed the Commission, and thanked OSA's Director, Kari Sederburg and her staff for their extremely efficient work during the recent government shutdown, in allowing them the ability to draw down state funding to continue the Meals on Wheels program in the western Wayne County communities.

Jim McGuire, AAA 1-B Director of Research, Policy and Advocacy, on behalf of Executive Director, Tina Abbate-Marzolf, welcomed the Commission and expressed appreciation at the opportunity to work with the aging network to navigate these difficult times.

Commissioner Mast announced regretfully that Commissioner Michael Bartus submitted his letter of resignation to the Governor and the Commission.

OSA Director Report

Director Sederburg thanked Roger Myers, Lynn Alexander and the rest of the PVM team, for hosting the Commission in their beautiful new building.

Director Sederburg stated the federal government shutdown was an eye opener for the entire aging network, and thanked the AAAs for looking at ways to continue services and for the sacrifices they had to make.

Director Sederburg stated OSA recommended to the Governor's office a \$5 million increase for in-home services and nutrition on the FY 2015 State budget, which will come out in February of 2014, and said there may be opportunities to help advocate.

Director Sederburg stated November is National Caregiver Month and OSA is working with Biggby Coffee for coupons of thanks for caregivers.

Director Sederburg stated the Federal Long Term Commission released recommendations geared at how to create a more responsive integrated person-centered, fiscally sustainable long term supports and services delivery system, many of which we are already working on in Michigan.

Director Sederburg stated Lynne McCollum, OSA's legal developer who has led the charge on elder abuse initiatives, worked closely with MMAP, among many other critically important issues, will be leaving OSA for an opportunity to work closer to home and her kids, and OSA will be posting that position soon.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor's appointments office will take recommendations on appointing/reappointing Commissioners to the Governor as early as next week.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Midland Application for 2013 "Community for A Lifetime" (CFL) Recognition

Dan Doezeema, OSA staff, stated the CFL Review Committee reviewed Midland's CFL application and determined they had met and/or exceeded all areas of strength in the assessment, and recommended they be approved for recognition of their community assessment and 2013 CFL recognition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve Midland's application for 2013 CFL recognition, as presented. Commissioner Johnston-Calati seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration (ADRC) Options Counseling (OC) Service Definition and Minimum Standards

Eric Berke, OSA staff, provided a brief description, background and process on the ADRC OC service definition and minimum standards.

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, provided additional detail on how person-centeredness was incorporated into the standards to help people become empowered with education on options when making choices on their long term care decisions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora to approve the ADRC OC service definitions and minimum standards, as presented. Commissioner Burri seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs (CDSMP) Grant

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, stated this grant is geared toward a targeted group of those with diabetes, chronic disease and chronic pain self-management.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through CDSMP grant, as presented. Commissioner Sheehan seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and the motion was approved with a 12-0-1 vote.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 Older Refugee Program Grants

Wendi Middleton, OSA staff, stated Department of Human Services asked if OSA would be willing to accept a grant to oversee this program that provides aging services to older adult refugees by working with local refugee service providers and local aging service providers to increase knowledge and access to services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schade to approve the FY 2014 Older Refugee Program, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and the motion was approved with a 13-0-0 vote.

Approval of Assisted Living Draft Letter to Governor Snyder

Commissioner Mast provided a draft letter from the Commission to the Governor regarding Michigan's assisted living facilities as one of a few states in the nation that does not have a legal definition of "assisted living."

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the assisted living letter to Governor Snyder, as presented. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) Work Group Recommendation

Commissioner Newport stated he was asked to chair a work group to examine the IFF and return a recommendation to the Commission.

This work group unanimously recommended the current funding formula continue, the five-year data collection system be utilized to analyze the impact of the IFF on the AAAs, and the overall impact be phased in over a four-year period beginning with Fiscal Year 2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve the recommendation of the IFF Work Group, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and the motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Workforce Investment Act Older Worker Demographics

Scott Wamsley, OSA staff member, provided a handout and brief overview of the Older Workforce Investment Act that provides funding for adults and dislocated worker services.

Ombudsman Program Presentations

Sarah Slocum, OSA staff member, provided a presentation entitled, "A Day in the Life of an Ombudsman," which included comments and input from local Ombudsmen.

Ms. Slocum passed out an Ombudsman funding formula handout on funds distribution and provided additional detailed information.

Ms. Slocum provided a presentation entitled "Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Proposal for Change," regarding restructuring the Long Term Care Ombudsman office.

Ms. Slocum discussed the problems and solutions to address the need for change.

Commissioner Mast asked Ms. Slocum to put together a chart on the present situation, proposed situation, timing and projected results, and return to the Commission to review for approval of the "Request For Proposal" process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 15, 2013, via conference call at the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging located at 300 E. Michigan Avenue, 3rd Floor large conference room in Lansing.

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2013, at the Radisson Hotel, 111 N. Grand Avenue in Lansing.

Commissioner Mast asked if a Commissioner would be willing to volunteer to attend the next SAC meeting, and Commissioner Burri agreed to do so.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wright. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Mast adjourned the meeting at 2:39 PM.